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**URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE**

**Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Vibrio Cholerae Inaba Agglutinating Serum R30165101**

**Lots: 1669210, 1669212, 1763660, 1800977, 1839368, 1873045**

**DESCRIPTION**

Customers are to be advised of the following:

An internal technical investigation has determined that **Thermo Scientific™ Remel™ Vibrio cholerae inaba Agglutinating Serum (Bottle Lot number: 1669211)** sold as product code **R30165101** Lots: **1669210, 1669212, 1763660, 1800977, 1839368, 1873045** may produce negative results with positive cultures using the tube and slide agglutination methods.

Continued use of these lots may result in a failure to correctly identify the subtype *Vibrio cholerae inaba*.

**RISK TO HEALTH**

*Vibrio cholerae* agglutinating sera are intended for the serological identification of *V. cholerae* for epidemiological and diagnostic purposes. Specifically, *Vibrio cholerae inaba* agglutinating serum (R30165101) is intended for the serological identification of subtype *Vibrio cholerae inaba*. This serological test is intended for screening purposes and should augment, not replace culture and biochemical procedures.

From a clinical risk perspective, patient management should not be affected by a failure to identify the correct subtype. The primary determination of *V. cholerae* infection will be carried out using alternative standard microbiological methods and it is these results that will help inform therapeutic decisions. The risk associated with incorrect identification of *V. cholerae* subtypes is related primarily to epidemiology specifically that suspected outbreaks may not be correctly associated.

**ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

Our records indicate that you have received the above product.

Accordingly, in keeping with our Quality Policy, we request that you destroy any remaining inventory of the lots listed above. Requirement for review of reported test results should be determined by the appropriate technical expert.

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) have been informed of this Field Safety Corrective Action.

This notice needs to be passed on to all who need to be aware within your organisation or to any organisation where the potentially affected devices have been transferred. If you have any questions, please contact our Technical Support Department on +44 (0)1256 694238, or at [microbiology.techsupport.uk@thermofisher.com](mailto:microbiology.techsupport.uk@thermofisher.com).

You should complete the accompanying Acknowledgment Form in regard to inventory you have received and/or which is still in stock.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Yours sincerely,



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